



SR 240

14 Miles South of SR 24 to Snively Road



Project Purpose

This project will improve safety for the narrow, two-lane section of SR 240 from SR 24 to Richland.

Project Benefits

- Reduced collisions
- Improved traffic efficiency

Project Timeline

Start Design: Spring 2006
Start Construction: Spring 2009

Why is WSDOT improving this highway?

In the past six years, seven people have lost their lives and five incurred disabling injuries in serious accidents on the two-lane section of SR 240. The narrow roadway and four-foot wide shoulders provide little recovery room in the event of an unsafe passing attempt by an impatient traveler. Passenger vehicles share the two-lane road with large trucks hauling nearly two million tons of freight each year, between the Columbia River basin and the Tri-Cities, and the route is heavily used by commuters to the Hanford site.

Estimated Project Cost

(Includes engineering, right-of-way, and construction costs)

In 2005 the Washington State legislature provided \$16.5 million to design, acquire right of way, and construct a project to improve safety on SR 240. The original design added two lanes to SR 240 for seven miles, from 14 miles east of SR 24 to Snively Road. As design progresses, WSDOT is considering an alternate design to address the safety for this corridor.

This alternative would improve safety for 18 miles by widening the narrow roadway to 12 ft lanes and 8 ft shoulders from Beloit Road (west Hanford gate) to Kingsgate Way, near Richland. The decision on how to best use the allocated project funds will be made later this fall.

For More Information

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